THE FIGVRE OF *FOVRE:*

Wherein are ſweet flowers, gathered out of that fruitfull ground, that I hope will yeeld pleaſure and profit to all ſorts of people.

The ſecond part.

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To the Reader.

THis little fruit of no little labour, gathered together, and bound vp in this little paper, for the better vſe of them that can and will conſider of the nature of euery one in his right kind, I kindly commit to your acceptations, aſſuring my ſelfe that being free from taxing of any, and far from abuſe, but of abuſers : hoping that ſome will receiue good in the memory of what they reade, and no Horſe will kicke except

his backe bee galled ; I leaue it to the wide world to take ſuch fortune as will fall out. And ſo, loth to make a long Supper of a little meat, wiſhing you to take the beſt and leaue the worſt, and breake none of the pale, I reſt,

Your well-willer
in a greater matter,

N. B.

THE SECOND Part of the Figure *of Foure.*

1 THere are foure things greatly to be taken heed of: a Flye in the eye, a bone in the throat, a dogge at the heele, and a theefe in the houſe.

2 There are foure bitter things that are vſed but for neceſſity: Rubarb, Gall, wormwood, and a dogged wife.

3 There are foure grieuous lacks to a great many in the world: lacke of health, lacke of wealth, lacke of wit, and lacke of honeſty.

4 There bee foure especiall poore Schollers in the world; Petty-foggers, Quackesalners, Ballad-makers, and A B C. Schoolmasters.

5 There are foure things ill to be proud of; a painted face, a patcht body, a pyde coate, and a palrry wit.

6 There are foure things fayre at the first sight; new bookes, fat horses, fresh colours, and slicke faces.

7 There are foure strange men in the world: they that make a god of their gold, an angell of the deuill, a paradice of their pleasure, and glory of their pride.

8 There are foure notes of an excellent wit; to learne that which is good, to labour for that which is necessary, to foresee a mischiefe, and to forget that which cannot be recouered.

9 There be foure iests of wit; to hope for dead mens goods, to trust to the word of a bankrupt, to be in loue with a lewd queane, and to tell newes after a Carier.

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10 There be foure things very vncomfortable: to lie in bed and cannot ſleepe, to ſit at meat and haue no ſtomacke, to ſee muſick and cannot heare it, and to want mony and cannot come to it.

11 There are foure perſons not to be beleeued; a horſe-courſer when he ſweares, a whore when ſhe weepes, a lawyer when he pleades falſe, and a traueller when he tels wonders.

12 There are foure perſons not to be truſted; a foole, a flatterer, an Atheiſt, and an enemie.

13 There are foure ill houſes to go into; a ſmoakie houſe, a rotten houſe, a louſie houſe, and a bawdy houſe.

14 There are foure things very hurtfull for the ſtomacke; raw fleſh, ſtale fiſh, muſty bread, and ſowre drinke.

15 There are foure ſilly fooles in the world; hee that followes a ſhadow, ſtarrs a flea, drownes an Eele, and makes loue to a picture.

16 There are foure great trials of wit:

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to chuſe a friend and keep him, to conceale aduerſity with patience, to bee thrifty without couetouſneſſe, and to liue out of the feare of the Law.

17 There are foure ſuſpitions of a perfect wit; to truſt vnfaithfulneſſe, to ſhew vnthankfulneſſe, to aduance vnworthineſſe, and to nouriſh wickedneſſe.

18 There are foure great Cyphers in the world; hee that is lame among dancers, dumbe among Lawyers, dull among Schollers, and rude amongſt Courtiers.

19 Foure kinds of men may be well ſpared: a ſwaggerer among ciuill people, a theefe among true men, an Atheiſt among the religious, and a Iew among Chriſtians.

20 Foure ſorts of people are very troubleſome: fooles among wiſemen, borrowers among rich men, cowards among ſouldiers, and beggers amongſt Courtiers.

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ſcoffers: they that ſcoffe at the honeſt, at the wiſe, at the learned, or at the poore.

22 There be foure knaues much deſt withall in the world: the Knaue of Clubs, the Knaue of Harts, the Knaue of Spades, and Knaue of Diamonds.

23 There are foure baſe profeſſions: a wittall, a cuckold, a bawd, and a Begger.

24 There are foure cloſe-catchers in the world; a Rat-catcher, a Moale-catcher, a Foole-catcher, and a Cony-catcher.

25 There are foure chiefe lights: the light of Senſe, the light of Reaſon, the light of Grace, and the light of Glory.

26 There are foure ſundry kindes of Loues: the loue of God, the loue of men, the loue of women, and the loue of children.

27 Foure kinds of men hatefull in a Common-wealth: a Paraſite, an Hypocrite, a Mutiner, and a murtherer.

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28 Foure idle kindes of exerciſe; riming, riding, raging, and running on errands.

29 There are foure great ſoakers of a mans eſtate; long ſickneſſe, a coſtly wife, a ſleepie eye, and a proud prodigall ſpirit.

30 There are foure ill waies for a theefe; the way to the priſon, the way to the Iudge, the way to the Gallowes, and the way to hell.

31 There are foure things fooliſhly proud; a Peacocke that is proud of his taile, for hee muſt molt it once euery yeare; an Hart that is proud of his hornes, for hee muſt mew them once a yeare; a Cuckoe that is proud of her note, for ſhe ſings but once a yeare; and an Oake that is proud of his leafe, for it falls once a yeare.

32 There are foure terrible ſounds in the world: the report of a Cannon, a clappe of thunder, the doome of a Iudge, and the ſcoulding of a ſhrewd woman.

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33 There are foure naturall skippers: a Flea, a Frogge, a Grashopper, and a Cat.

34 There are foure chiefe smellers: Deere, Dogges, Rauens, and smell-feasts.

35 There are foure things seldome seene; a begger to grow rich, an Vsurer to grow bountifull, a foole to grow wise, and a baggage to become honest.

36 There are foure creatures of more charge than profit; Parrats, Monkies, fysting dogs, and fidling wenches.

37 Foure pittifull obiects to a good eye, a wiseman distracted, a Citie ruined, a ship on fire, and an army defeated.

38 Foure kindes of fine fooles; hee that thinkes himselfe wise and is not, he that spends all to be thought bountifull, he that pines himselfe to leaue to another, and he that beleeues a queans loue.

39 There be foure things of much strength

ſtrength in the world: loue with the religious, for it vpholds the ſoule; health with the laborious, for it vpholds the body; learning with the ſtudious, for it vpholds the wit; and patience with the gratious, for it vpholds the ſpirit.

40 Foure excellent vertues in a virgin; Silence, Humility, Conſtancy, and Deuotion.

41 Foure great bleſſings to a wife: a modeſt eye, a kinde ſpirit, a painfull hand, and true heart.

42 Foure notes of a diuine nature: to regard him whom the world ſcorneth, to loue him whom the world hateth, to help him whom the world hurteth, and to aduance him whom the world ouerthroweth.

43 There are foure chiefe notes of a good huſwife: early riſing, cloſe gathering, ſafe keeping, and well beſtowing.

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45 There are foure fearefull iudgements: ſudden madnes, ſudden warre, ſudden ruine, and ſudden death.

46 Foure kinds of Vermin do very much hurt where they come: Mice among cheeſe, Weezels among conies, Moales among Gardens, and whores among Gallants.

47 Foure things are tedious to many good minds: a long tale, a long winter, a long faſting, and a long voyage.

48 Foure things weary out a good minde: employments without reward, oppreſſions without reliefe, cruell creditors, and importunate beggers.

49 Foure things to be taken heed of: an intruding friend, a flattering ſeruant, a wanton wife, and a wicked neighbour.

50 There be foure chiefe horſes for ſeruice; the Courſer for the Souldier, the Hackney for the Poſt, the Cart-horſe

horſe for the farmer, and the Hobbi-horſe for the Morris-dance.

51 Foure men to be baniſhed all good company; a lyer, a ſwearer, a quarreller, and a tale teller.

52 Foure kinds of women much ſet a worke; a mid-wife, a milke-maid, a market-woman, and a meale-woman.

53 Foure kinds of cleanly wenches; a dairy wench, a Shop wench, a needle wench, and a ſtarch wench.

54 Foure kinds of black men: a moor, a Collier, a Smith, and a Scullion.

55 Foure white women; the Lady White, Miſtriſſe White, Good-wife White, and Widow White.

56 Foure high things to looke vpon; a high man, a high Conſtable, a high ſteeple, and a high May-pole.

57 Foure needfull eies in a Tauerne: an eye to the gueſts, an eye to the plate, an eye to the ſcore, and an eye to the doore.

58 Foure things go through many things; wit, art, experience and mony.

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59 Foure dayes welcome to Schollers; Chriſtmas day, Shroue-tueſday, Eaſter-day, and Whitſunday.

60 Foure kindes of men not to bee ſtood againſt: Princes and Potentates, Iudges and Generalls.

61 Foure things grieuouſly empty: a head without braines, a wit without Iudgement, a heart without honeſty, and a purſe without money.

62 Foure diſeaſes hardly to bee cured; the gout in an old man, the greenſickneſſe in a woman, the farcy in an old horſe, and the rot in a ſheepe.

63 Foure chiefe comforts to the ſenſe of nature; health, liberty, mirth, and money.

64 Foure chiefe nuts in the world: the Cheſt-nut, the wall-nut, the ſmall-nut, and the ſoft-nut.

65 Foure chiefe muſicall Birds; the Nightingale, the Larke, the Linnet, and the Robbin-red-breſt.

66 Foure fine little laborers: the Bee, the Ant, the Silke-worme, and Spider.

67 Foure kindes of beaſtly men in the world: a glutton, a drunkard, a lecher, and a bawd

68 Foure kindes of theeues worthy to be hanged: horſe-ſtealers, cut-purſes, houſe breakers, and pick-pockets.

69 Foure things good in a Gooſe her quills for pens, her feathers for pillowes, her fleſh for the diſh, and her greaſe for the ache.

70 Foure excellent medicines for many diſeaſes: abſtinence, exerciſe, mirth, and patience.

71 Foure things ill for a carier: leane horſes, hard fare, foule weather, and foggy women.

72 Foure great in-lyers; a woman that lyes in childbed, a knaue that lies in wait, a whore that lyes in a ſweat, and a mad man that lyes in Bedlam.

73 Foure preſent eaſes for foure great paines: to ſcratch for the itch, to breake winde for the collicke, to piſſe for the ſtone, and to ſweat for the cold.

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obiects : a ſcabby Iade, a mangy dog, a lowſie knaue, and a pocky whore.

75 Foure chiefe Doues in the world: the turtle-doue, the wood-doue, the ring-doue, and the houſe-doue.

76 Foure perillous ſnares to fall into: the ſnare of an Vſurer, the ſnare of a lewd woman, the ſnare of a flatterer, and the ſnare of the diuell.

77 Foure ſtrange ſports : to ſee a Beare hunt a wilde duck, an Ape kiſſe an Owle, a Gooſe bite a Fox, and a Squirrill hunt a Coney.

78 Foure ſweet Trades in a Citie : Suger-men, comfit-makers, Perfumers, and noſegay-makers.

79 Foure ſpeedy paſſengers in the world : a bird through the aire, a ſhip through the ſea, a word from the mouth, and a thought from the minde.

80 Foure round walkers in the world: a wheele, a ſpindle, a boule and a mil-ſtone.

81 Foure tokens of foule weather: aches in the limbs, ſleepineſſe in the

head, ſweating of ſtones, and darkeneſſe of weather.

82 Foure tokens of faire weather: when the Robin-red-breaſt ſings early, when the Bee workes earneſtly, when the Spider keepes home, and the Swallow flies merrily.

83 Foure creatures are great ſpoilers where they come: Hogs among peaſe, Deere among corne, Cats among milk-pans, and Whales among Herrings.

84 Foure Kings without Kingdomes: the king of Man, the king of Portugall, a king in a play, and a painted king.

85 Foure ſtrange things to be decyphered: a man and no man, threw a ſtone and no ſtone, at a bird and no bird, in a tree and no tree.

86 Foure interpretations of theſe foure things: a man and no man was an Eunuch, and therefore no man: the ſtone was a pumiſh, the bird was a bat, and the tree an Elder tree.

87 Foure hard dayes in the yeare: Good-friday for ſchollers, for then they

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88 Foure things much talkt of, and little found : Wiſedome, Vertue, Honeſty and Conſcience.

89 Foure Creatures go willingly to their buſineſſe : a bride to church, a boy to breakefaſt, an heyre to his land and a ſweet-heart to his loue.

90 Foure things are ſoone out : a candle out of his light, a foole out of his tale, an eye out of his ſight, and a prodigall out of his patrimony.

91 Foure things ill for the earth : a winters thunder, a ſummers froſt, a long drought, and a ſuddaine floud.

92 Foure things prettily deſcribed: a whore by her leering, a ſetter by his peering, a paraſite by his fleering, and an Epicure by his cheering.

93 Foure vile things in nature: to be

vnkind to a wife, vnnaturall to a child, vntrue to a maſter, vnthankfull vnto a friend.

94 Foure offenders not to be pardoned: he that will not be admoniſhed, he that will outface a lie, he that will not amend, and he that delights in his wickedneſſe.

95 foure coſtly ſpots in the world: the ſpots on the cards, the ſpots on the dice, the ſpots on embroderies, and the ſpots on ill tongues.

96 Foure men needfull in an Army: a good Commander, a good Scout, a good Centinell, and a good Gunner.

97 Foure things chiefly neceſſary in peace: a good King, a good Counſell, a good ſoyle, and good Subiects.

98 Foure ill things in Muſicke: to play out of time, or out of tune, falſe ſtrings, and bad inſtruments.

99 Foure things good aboue all: God, his word, his Grace, and Glory.

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